## Sample article for national organizations to use when communicating to their affiliates

Please encourage your local affiliates help spread the word about IRS Open House – May 15 in their communities

IRS Seeks Help from [name of organization or title of position, i.e., United Way, Extension Agents] to Spread the Word about IRS Open House, Saturday, May 15, 2010.

The IRS will hold a special nationwide Open House on Saturday, May 15 to help small businesses and individuals solve tax problems. IRS staff will be available to help taxpayers work through their problems and walk out with solutions.

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, approximately 200 IRS offices across the nation will open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., local time, to give struggling taxpayers and small business owners more opportunity to work directly with IRS employees to resolve issues. These locations will be equipped to handle issues involving notices and payments, return preparation, audits and a variety of other issues.

**How can you help the IRS?** By spreading the word, leaving a flyer with a customer or making a mention in a news column.

For content and materials you can use, check out the <u>Partner Outreach Corner</u> at IRS.gov or email <u>partner@irs.gov</u> if you have any questions.

NOTE TO AFFILIATES: Below are additional items you can use to promote the May 15, 2010:

- Listing of IRS offices open on May 15
- News Release to promote May 15 Open House
- Flyer to promote May 15 Open House (English)
- Flyer to promote March 15 Open House (Spanish)